

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 502
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 12, 2013; February 20, 2013,
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 1-4 Services; March 26, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 March 26, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 502 By: West

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to placement of children with certain relatives or other
 1-22 designated caregivers.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 264.7541 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 264.7541. CAREGIVER VISIT WITH CHILD; INFORMATION.

1-27 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), before placing a child
 1-28 with a proposed relative or other designated caregiver, the
 1-29 department must:

1-30 (1) arrange a visit between the child and the proposed
 1-31 caregiver; and

1-32 (2) provide the proposed caregiver with a form, which
 1-33 may be the same form the department provides to nonrelative
 1-34 caregivers, containing information, to the extent it is available,
 1-35 about the child that would enhance continuity of care for the child,
 1-36 including:

1-37 (A) the child's school information and
 1-38 educational needs;

1-39 (B) the child's medical, dental, and mental
 1-40 health care information;

1-41 (C) the child's social and family information;
 1-42 and

1-43 (D) any other information about the child the
 1-44 department determines will assist the proposed caregiver in meeting
 1-45 the child's needs.

1-46 (b) The department may waive the requirements of Subsection
 1-47 (a) if the proposed relative or other designated caregiver has a
 1-48 long-standing or significant relationship with the child and has
 1-49 provided care for the child at any time during the 12 months
 1-50 preceding the date of the proposed placement.

1-51 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 264.755, Family Code, is
 1-52 amended to read as follows:

1-53 (b) Monetary assistance provided under this section must
 1-54 include a one-time cash payment [~~of not more than \$1,000~~] to the
 1-55 caregiver on the initial placement of a child or a sibling group.
 1-56 The amount of the cash payment, as determined by the department, may
 1-57 not exceed \$1,000 for each child. The payment for placement of a
 1-58 sibling group must be at least \$1,000 for the group, but may not
 1-59 exceed \$1,000 for each child in the group. The cash payment must be
 1-60 provided on the initial placement of each child with the caregiver

2-1 and is provided to assist the caregiver in purchasing essential
2-2 child-care items such as furniture and clothing.

2-3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-4 to the placement of a child for whom the Department of Family and
2-5 Protective Services is named managing conservator on or after the
2-6 effective date of this Act.

2-7 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection
2-8 (b), Section 264.755, Family Code, does not make an appropriation
2-9 or require a specific appropriation. The new duty imposed on the
2-10 Department of Family and Protective Services as a result of the
2-11 changes to that section must be performed through the
2-12 appropriations provided by the legislature as part of the existing
2-13 responsibilities of the department.

2-14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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